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SUBJECT: ROC PARTICIPATION IN ADB

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MANILA FOR EMBASSY AND ADB

1. ON RECEIPT OF REFTEL (B) EMBASSY DISCUSSED POSSIBLE MOVE AGAINST ROC WITH TAN BOON SENG, DEPUTY SECRETARY IN MAF, TELLING HIM OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE, KOREAN, AND PHILIPPINE WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT COUNTER- RESOLUTION IF NECESSARY. ALSO INFORMED HIM OF VIEWS OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR SINGAPORE AND THAILAND THAT GOVERNMENTS HE REPRESENTED MIGHT BE WILLING TO WEIGH IN ON BEHALF OF ROC. TAN PROMISED TO LOOK INTO MATTER AND GET BACK IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY. WHEN NO RESPONSE FORTHCOMING YESTERDAY EMBASSY CALLED TAN THIS MORNING AND WAS TOLD THAT GOS HAD DECIDED TO ABSTAIN.

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2. CHARGE EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND DISAPPOINTMENT AND PRESSED TAN FOR REASONS WHY GOS WOULD NOT DEFEND FELLOW MEMBER OF ADB IN GOOD STANDING, ONE THAT HAS ALL ALONG MADE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO ADB FROM WHICH GOS HAS BORROWED FUNDS SEVERAL TIMES. TAN WAS HARD PRESSED TO DEFEND GOS POSITION. HE VOICED HOPE THAT QUESTION WOULD NOT COME UP IN MANILA, BUT IF IT DID GOS DID NOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN ANY MESS THAT MIGHT RESUNT, TIMES OF INDIA ARTICLE HEADLINED "SHIVALIK FOSSILS NOT TAKEN OUT TO USA," STATESMAN ARTICLE "FOSSILS NOT MISSING SAYS MINISTEG' AND HINDUSTAN TIMES ARTICLE "SHIVALIK FOSSILS NOT TAKEN TO US. ARE BEING AIRPOUCHED TO DEPARTMENT. MOYNIHAN

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